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FLORIDA PRESS DECIDEDLY FREE

Last week we penned an editorial on the freedom of the press, and this week, as we inspected some forty-odd Florida weekly newspapers that come to our desk, with especial interest in the editorial pages, we stand convinced that few, if any, other states in the Union can show a higher class of editorial writing in its weekly press than that exhibited month after month in the weekly press of Florida.

We could compare one paper with another, but that would be useless where nearly all of the publications are excellent, the editors giving free, independent utterances to their opinions.

And these opinions are not confined to local affairs. They discuss Florida and national politics, business, and financial conditions, sports, religion, the war, the world series, Lindbergh and Hitler, and hundreds of other things worthwhile — and they do it in a human and intelligent manner.

The weekly press of Florida is the greatest power in the state to disseminate truths and to create public opinion; therefore the editors of Florida weekly newspapers should be, as most of them are, absolutely free to give voice to their honest thoughts and beliefs on all matters. It is probable that the weekly press of Florida comes nearer saying what it thinks than any other element in the state. And it is also probable that the editors of the weekly papers of the state come as near sizing up a situation as any other element.

It is known that the forces that are seeking discriminatory favors fear the weekly press more than any other element. The average editor of a weekly paper takes pride in his independence. He bows to no one, and he would rather go down fighting for a principle than ride on the crest at the orders of another man.

The integrity of a newspaper is something like a woman's virtue — once tarnished, it is forever under suspicion. A newspaper that can be bought isn't worth buying simply because it can be bought everywhere.

Some people prate about this or that editor being bought, but it isn't the editor we doubt. There's a reputable weekly newspaper in Florida whose sanctum you can walk into and pay the editor for doing something that he knows is against the public good.

Truly, the weekly press of Florida is a free press — for which the people of our state should be duly thankful.—The Star, Port St. Joe.

ALL WELCOME

Over in Miami where they were attending the waterway convention, Governor Holland of Florida and Governor Gene Talmadge of Georgia were seated together at a service club luncheon. Old acquaintances, they called each other by first names in exchanging cordial greetings. Falling into conversation, Governor Talmadge at once brought up the trouble he is having over Georgia educational matters.

"You know, Spessard," he said, "my wife tells me she wishes I had your knack of doing things in a nice way."

When it came Governor Holland's turn to address the meeting he began with a statement in which he said, "Governor Talmadge will always be welcome in Florida."

That was doing, in a mighty nice way, something that remained to be done after the editor of a student publication at the University of Florida had made public a letter telling Governor Talmadge that he would "not be welcome" at the Georgia-Florida football game at Jacksonville last

Saturday. The letter came out in the early afternoon papers and Talmadge heard the newsboys shouting the headlines as he went out to the stadium. S. did everybody else. It wasn't very nice and a good many who share the opinion that Talmadge has interfered unnecessarily and mistakenly in Georgia educational affairs nevertheless felt that it was bad taste while in Florida on a matter only remotely related to the issue in controversy.

Appropriate amends were made by student officials at Gainesville who took joint action in sending a formal apology to Governor Talmadge but Governor Holland added the clincher in his "nice way" at Miami. He speaks for the state and when he said that "Governor Talmadge will always be welcome in Florida" he made it official.

And properly, too. We don't suppose that anybody is in more complete disagreement with Governor Talmadge on the matter at issue than is Spessard Holland. But no matter how outraged one may be no one has authority, or even the right, to serve notice that he is unwelcome in Florida.

There are a good many people here who are greatly shocked when Mrs. Roosevelt writes of "entertaining" negroes in the home which the nation provides for the president's family. But even the most disgusted of them would hardly tell Mrs. Roosevelt in public that she was unwelcome in Florida. Governor Talmadge is simply the other end of this argument and the stand he has taken does not make him unwelcome as a visitor any more than does the repulsive social habit which Mrs. Roosevelt publicly acknowledges. As long as they commit no offenses while in our midst, the First Citizen of Georgia, the First Lady of the land, the colonel's lady, and Judy O'Grady are all — and always — welcome to Florida.—Port Myers News Press.

BETTER CANAL ROUTE

The government could save millions of dollars by abandoning the Ocala canal route and improving the present cross-state waterway which begins at the mouth of the Caloosahatchee river on the right side and follows that stream and its connects to Lake Okechobee, crosses the lake and proceeds to the Atlantic by way of the St. Lucie canal.

This waterway has been in use several years, is capable of improvement to any depth without impeding the underground waters of the state because of the different geological formation that exists in South Florida as compared with North-Central Florida in regard to the water-bearing rock formation. That formation outcrops in Marion county, the highest point through which the northern canal route runs, at no point along the present southern waterway is that formation nearer than 400 feet of the contour of the earth.

No locks would be necessary, and the character of material it would be necessary to excavate is much easier to remove and hence the per cubic yard cost of the cut would be correspondingly less. Also, the Star and other newspapers have shown that work already done is that much ahead of the northern route, on which almost nothing has been done. Further, there is abundant evidence along the southern route, whereas there would be many miles of cutting through high sandy ridges along the northern route.

Again, all highways across the southern route have already been adequately bridged, whereas millions must be spent on building bridges when, and if, the northern route is excavated.

side to improvement of the southern route. Deepened to the 12-feet proposed for northern barge canal, a volume of fresh soft water would flow to the East Coast which could be drawn upon by municipalities along that coast for municipal supply, giving them soft water in place of the hard water now get from deep wells. It must be remembered that Lake Okechobee, an immense natural reservoir, is fed by the Kissimmee river and other streams which form a natural drain for much of North Central Florida and a wide area of South Florida. This water now goes to waste. It would be utilized.—Bradenton Herald.

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TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

By Russell Klay

Speaking before the Florida Press association at Ocala last week, H. J. Mossberger, director of the Florida Research Foundation, told newspaper folks an interesting story of the work being done in uncovering facts and information regarding the rich, unknown and hitherto untapped resources of our state.

He exhibited a plastic material, now in use from Florida peat or musk soil, explaining that a manufacturer of lawn sprinklers, finding his supply of metal cut off, developed an even better substitute from plain old Florida musk.

Turning next to duckweed, Mossberger told of the research work done in establishing beyond question the feasibility of commercially growing this plant on soils of little value for other purposes for the production of starch and for use in the manufacture of an excellent cattle feed.

He told of the work already accomplished by the United States Sugar corporation at Clewiston in this direction and called attention to the fact that the organization has just decided to establish a million dollar laboratory to further research in that direction and to develop a variety of starch-producing crops such as cassava, dasheen, sweet potato and other things — from neckties to parachutes.

Now "Do, Re, Mi" may sound like musical terms to you, but according to Mossberger's research, "Do" is a plant that can be grown abundantly in Florida and it produces a fiber from which industry can make any number of things — from neckties to parachutes.

The Florida Research Foundation has assembled an amazing amount of data on the subject and assisted in the development of a new starch-producing plant that will enable the harvesting and manufacture of this product for commercial use economically enough to permit competition with the cheap labor of the Orient, the only thing that has held back its commercial production here.

While the foundation itself does not engage in actual research work, it acts as a clearing house in assembling all possible data on who has been done and is being done along this line and makes this information available to such interested parties as are in a position to enter into commercial production of such products.

According to Mossberger, we have not even scratched the surface of the possibilities for our cultural and industrial development offered up by the limited resources which are available. He said that he was sure that he would be able to find out more about the possibilities for our state and he would be glad to share his information with anyone who is interested in the subject.

Mossberger depicted the fact that Florida livestock and poultry men now import most of their feeds when everything they need can be easily grown and a far superior feed developed right here in the state. If we would but just make the effort we could produce milk, eggs and beef cheaper here than anywhere else in the country and give the nation a "Florida steak" equal to the best West ever produced at less cost, and our growers could still make a bigger profit.

There are just a few of the highlights from Mossberger's talk but they gave Florida publishers some thing to think about and if the newspapers, civic leaders and business men of the state will get behind him foundation and support the work it is doing it won't be many years until we find ourselves with new industries that will give employment to thousands and increase our wealth by millions.

You often hear the remark "There's a lot of waste land in Florida" — but in truth there isn't. Planted to duckweed, low wet areas can produce tons of starch. Other soils can grow rye, others cassava and sweet potatoes.

So try to visualize these so-called "waste" lands in terms of suits, clothes, sheeties, tablecloths, parachutes, fabrics, tons of finest beef, millions of mineralized poultry eggs and milk, plastic articles like ash trays, auto parts, airplane parts, dishes and the like, and you hope then you will begin to get the vision of what lies ahead if we are not smart enough to make use of the God-given opportunities that are ours.

MISS EVERETT IMPROVING
Miss Betty Mildred Everett, who has been confined to her bed for the past several weeks, is slowly improving from an operation at Good Samaritan hospital.

ALBANY VISITOR RETURNS
Mr. W. E. Thornton has returned to her home in Albany, Ga. after having been called to the bedside of her sister, Miss Betty Mildred Everett.

Urging Increase In Farm Products To Assist In Defense

Lakeland Meeting Hears Agriculture Leaders Urge Bigger Crops

LAKELAND, Nov. 20. — More than 75 Florida agriculture leaders met here Tuesday in the first conference of the state defense committee's agriculture division and made plans for increasing production in line with needs under an all-out national defense program.

"On one hand we need armies and munitions and on the other hand we need food," Dr. Wilmon Newell of Gainesville said, "and at this time agriculture is probably the most important single thing in our preparedness campaign."

Dr. Newell is chairman of the defense committee's agriculture division and explained the general program, a keynote of the all-day meeting. Lou H. Kramer, Lake Wales, co-chairman of the agriculture division with H. B. Pace, Pensacola, presided at the meeting which is one of a series of divisional sessions being held by the state defense committee.

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BUCK TILLMAN OFFERS FISH MARKET AT SAND CUT. E. A. (Buck) Tillman has opened a fish market at Sand Cut. The new place carries a line of shrimp, oysters and salt-water fish. It will be known as "Buck's Fish Market."

LOUIE GOLD UNDERGOES OPERATION WEDNESDAY. Louie Gold is recuperating in St. Mary's hospital in West Palm Beach where he submitted to an operation Wednesday for removal of a hernia. His condition is excellent. It was reported from the hospital yesterday afternoon.

WEATHER

Temperature and rainfall at Canal Point, Florida, for the week ending November 16, 1941:

Date	Max.	Min.	Rain
Nov. 10	75	49	
11	78	58	
12	73	61	
13	75	63	0.18
14	81	62	
15	79	72	
16	76	57	

Average 77.1 58.1 0.31
Total rainfall since January 1, 1941 — 68.07.

WANT ADS

FOR RENT: Store building located in good spot in colored town next to colored theatre. Watt Chaney, Pahokee, Florida.

FOR SALE: Citrus trees all varieties, palms, ornamentals also 2,000 rose bushes. Carrs Eileen Link, Davis Nursery, Davis Route, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. 121

FOR SALE: International truck, short wheel base, one V-8 pickup truck, one 22 Caterpillar tractor, 8-foot disc, 41 plow, other farm tools. Get in touch with A. L. Vertommen on Volusia Waters, Pahokee. Phone 2771 for appointment to look over these tools.

FOR RENT — Six three-room house on Bayfield Highway. Completely equipped with electric refrigerator, electric water heater and electric refrigerator. \$30 per month. Call Pahokee Phone 4011.

WANTED: Clean white rugs with red borders. Will pay premium prices for them. Call Pahokee 2661. The Everglades News, Canal Point.

FOR SALE: Power lawn mower, electric brooder, three chickens, ping pong table, man's bicycle, Cyprus Lodge, phone 2743. 11

FOR SALE: Apartment house with four apartments. See C. A. Bailor, 2000 S. 1st St., phone 2111; or phone 2151.

EXPERIENCED Stenographer with 16 years experience wants position. Call C. L. Vaughan, Phone 6511, Pahokee.

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Woman's Club To Assist Library

The Pahokee Woman's club met Monday afternoon in the club house and voted to cooperate with the public library in collecting rummage which is sold to raise funds for new books. Mrs. A. Q. Howell, president, presided and with Mrs. R. J. Schroder reported proceeds of \$21.74 from the last two rummage sales of which they were sponsors. Mrs. C. M. Belk reported \$18.70 collected from club house rentals for the last two weeks.

Mrs. B. J. Barwick, program chairman, announced that the guest speaker, Sheriff L. R. Baker, was unable to attend because of official business. Mrs. C. I. Vaughan and Mrs. Barwick presented the club's attractive new year books.

VISITS PARENTS

James Wilson Bordeaux who is in the United States Navy, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bordeaux of Canal Point this week. He returned Thursday to Norfolk, Va., where he met his ship.

SHAUGHNESSY WINS
Frank Shaughnessy, proprietor of the Glades Equipment company, is the proud possessor of a brand new \$50 shot gun. The Business and Professional Woman's club declared Mr. Shaughnessy winner of the firearm after a campaign in which they raised money to carry on their work.

Council Boosts Pay Of Laborers

The Pahokee city council has raised the scale of negro day labor to \$1.75 to conform with the scale now being paid by local growers.

The council also has voted to purchase a narrow tract located between Lake Park subdivision and Belle Glade road from Second to Third streets for \$250. The property, which includes a part of the dead-end canal, was purchased primarily to prevent construction of undesirable buildings. It will be used, however, for street purposes. R. S. Douthett was named in charge of the city gasoline tank and W. P. Walker, city clerk, was instructed to rotate orders for gasoline among community distributors.

Kaltenbruner Has Been Here 24 Years

A. Kaltenbruner, pioneer Pahokee citizen, came to the Lake Okeechobee region to make his home 24 years ago on Wednesday of this week. Mr. Kaltenbruner lost no time upon his arrival in buying a home. The day after he arrived he consummated a deal whereby he purchased his first piece of property in Pahokee. From that day he continued to buy until now he has several pieces of valuable property in his home town.

Glee Club Has Part In Meeting

Twelve members of the Pahokee high school glee club participated in the fourth annual state-wide vocal clinic held at Stetson University in DeLand Friday and Saturday. The two days' activities ended when all 250 members of glee clubs from all over the state presented a concert in the Elizabeth Hall chapel. The local club was chartered by their director, Miss Anita Mitchell, Mrs. J. S. Chas-

tain, Mrs. Anderson Chastain and Mrs. H. J. Anderson. The Pahokee students were special guests at the morning chapel service at Rollins College after which they were conducted on a tour of the campus by Dr. Hamilton Holt, president of Rollins. Singers making the trip were Eleanor Chastain, Velma Ruth Taylor, Bala O'Connell, Virginia Whilden, Rosalie Waddell, Marion Stokes, Margaret Anderson, Marion Stokes, Louise Hollingsworth, George Potts, Ernest Boland, and Charles Creel.

Union Service At Pahokee

A union Thanksgiving worship service will be held at the Pahokee Methodist church on Wednesday, Nov. 26, at 7:30 p.m. Rev. C. A. Moberg, chairman of the committee, will be in charge of the service; the Rev. J. P. Jerigan will deliver the message; and the Rev. J. E. Statham will read the Scripture. Special music and song will be given by the choir. A cordial welcome is extended to all to come and worship at this hour of Thanksgiving Service.

Miss Doub Weds Carl Lockmiller

The St. Mary's Catholic church in Pahokee was the scene Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock of the wedding of Miss Laura Doub, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Doss of LaBelle, and Carl Lockmiller, son of Mrs. Bertha Pemberton. The Rev. Father Flynn performed the single ring ceremony in a candlelight setting before the flower-banked altar.

Preceding the ceremony Miss Eleanor Hoame presented an organ program of nuptial music.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white marquisette and a fingertip veil which was caught at the temples with small gold pins. Her bouquet was of white chrysanthemums and gardenias. She was attended by her sister, Mrs. Rosa Nash, as matron of honor.

Lou Betzner, brother-in-law of the groom, was best man. Immediately following the ceremony the couple left for a honeymoon in Orlando and Key West. When they return they will make their home in Belle Glade.

SWAMP BUGGIES TAKE OFF FOR THE WOODS

Wednesday afternoon more than half a dozen swamp buggies and hunters took off for the woods in quest of deer. The buggies were loaded with groceries and all the appurtenances necessary to good hunting trips.

Blue Devils Are Guests Of Honor

Members of the Pahokee Blue Devil football squad were honor guests at a lawn party and rib roast given by the members of the Pahokee First Baptist BYPU in the garden back of the parsonage Monday night. Chaparones were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilkin and son, Jr., Rev. C. A. Moberg, and Mrs. Alla Mae Watson.

Others present were Hilda Hull, Joy Lou Bailey, Juanita Erler, Corrine Yohn, Nancy Stevens, J. W. Mullis, Lavon Batchelor, Frank Handley, Charles Wilkinson, Earl Wilson, Charles McQuaig, James Smith, Betty Speer, Wilma Lindrose, Mattie Lou Paine, Peggy and Bobby Moberg, David Chaney, David Uawin, Gerry Garrett, Mary Elizabeth Crocker, Virginia Young,

Addie Garrett, Reed Collins, Ernest Boland, Doris Levins, Imogene Hough, James Weeks, Claude Jones, Ruth Goocher, Harold Fletcher, Rothelle Logan, Edna Burdshaw, Audrey Chapcoy, Harold Henry, Maude Urwin, Opal Levins, Corrine Garrett, Rose Bleech, Billy Stone, Billy Bridge, Osborn Belyeu, and Ellis Wilkinson.

Salvatore Tells Lions Of Zone Meet

Rupert Mock presided at the luncheon meeting of the Lions club

Tuesday in the absence of the president, Frank Rozelle. A review of the zone meeting was given by Carmen Salvatore, M. N. Young, J. H. Williamson, Jr., Ed Jensen, and G. M. Belk. Thirty Lions and guests attended this meeting.

OLD FASHIONED BOX SUPPER
An old fashioned box supper will be held next Tuesday night at the Elks club. The supper is to be sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Church of the Holy Nativity. The schedule calls for the supper to start at 7 p.m. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody to attend.

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